

Good afternoon everyone

My name is Marisabel Huarca Eguizabal, a parent fellow with ConnCAN. I am here to urge the passage of SB 274 and SB 1, which support the recruitment of minority teachers. These bills would provide Connecticut students with many benefits.

I believe recruiting minority teachers represents a golden opportunity to explore vast cultures and create dialogue to celebrate diversity in and out of the classroom. Support for students who are aiming to become teachers is crucial and will encourage prominent minority figures in the public to rise up and become the next generation of teachers.

Let's keep in mind that the linguistic and cultural diversity with which many students come to this country is vast and many find it difficult to learn certain subjects, even more so when they are also learning a new language. That is why, with the insertion of more minority teachers, we can help students feel that they are learning a new language.

You can also help students to feel more help and comfort while learning on the psychological and emotional side. When students feel understood, they will feel more motivated to continue studying.

We must acknowledge we are in a globalized society and that greater diversity means a greater diversity of knowledge to bestow upon students. Let us remember that all the teachings that we can provide today to our students will be the results of the future.

Thank you very much.